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Computers add a bit of high-tech to mayor race

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During his five years on the Boston City Council, Raymond L. Flynn has communicated with the voters by shaking hands and following crowds to fires, funerals, protests and dedications.

His public relations have a homespun quality, too — he personally types a relentless stream of press releases and often delivers them in the family station wagon.

But now that he is running for mayor, Flynn is relying on computers to synthesize thousands of bits of information about the residents of Boston's 252 voter precincts. The impersonal numbers will help shape the strategy of his mayoral campaign.

In an age when elementary school children get home computers for Christmas, it's not surprising that political campaigns have taken on a high-tech gloss. With computer hardware and software more affordable, all the mayoral candidates say they are turning to it in varying degrees, at least to list supporters and contributors, plan campaign schedules and balance budgets.

Frederick C. Langone, whose years on the City Council have produced a 20-year accumulation of index cards that list his supporters, says computers simplify the process of targeting favorable votes.

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Blue laws out; Sunday sales in

By Viola Osgood
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Massachusetts' ban on Sunday store openings is scheduled to end ceremoniously at noon today as the 290-year-old Puritan tradition is laid to rest amid cheers of happy merchants and consumers.

Starting today, all retail stores in Massachusetts, except liquor stores, can open on Sunday after noon. The shopping malls, major stores in downtown Boston, and

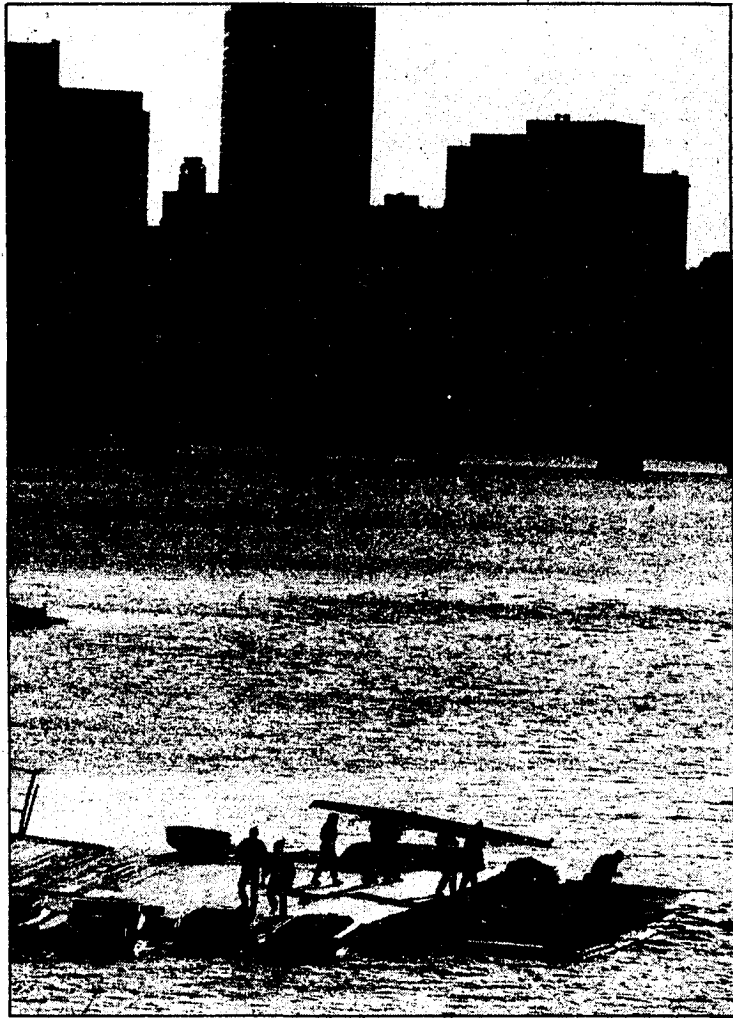
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MORNING CREW

A member of the Simmons College crew team (above) carries oars to 7 a.m. practice yesterday at the Boston University crew house. Later, a team (left) prepares to take to the water of the Charles River and Wellesley College coach Betsy Cooper (below) issues a few instructions.

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Andropov calls ABM proposal 'insane'

By Dusko Doder
Washington Post

MOSCOW — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov yesterday accused President Ronald Reagan of lying about Soviet military strength and of "attempting to disarm the Soviet Union in the face of the US nuclear threat."

The Soviet leader, responding to Reagan's televised speech Wednesday night on military policy, called the President's strategic proposals "irresponsible" and "insane." Andropov also said, "the present Administration is continuing to tread an extremely dangerous path."

Andropov's comments were made public by the Tass agency in an English-language text of an interview to be published in today's editions of Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper. The interview contained some of the strongest personal attacks on a US President by a Soviet leader in recent years.

Veteran observers here could not recall a Soviet leader publicly accusing an American President of lying. The tone of Andropov's remarks was angry. That tone and the contents of Andropov's remarks suggest-

President Reagan's bid to replace the United States' policy of nuclear deterrence with a defensive strategy is a case of how not to float a new idea from the Oval Office, writes former Carter speechwriter James Fallows. Focus, Page A13.

ed that Moscow has practically abandoned hope of reaching an accommodation with Washington during the Reagan Administration.

Andropov, who resumed his official activities Friday after several days of medical treatment for what some diplomats and Soviet sources reported was a kidney ailment, denounced Reagan's plan to switch to a nuclear deterrent based on an antiballistic missile defense as a violation of earlier US-Soviet treaties.

If such strategy were to be adopted, Andropov said, it would "open the floodgates to a runaway race for all types of strategic arms, both defensive and offensive."

The Soviet leader asserted that the existing "military strategic parity" deprives the United States "of a ANDROPOV, Page 8

Blunt, spy for USSR, dies at 75

Anthony Blunt, the admitted fourth man in a notorious ring of British spies for the Soviet Union, died in London yesterday at age 75. A former art adviser to Queen Elizabeth II, he was exposed in 1979 by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as a member of a spy ring that passed intelligence to the USSR during World War II and the 1950s. Obituary, Page 60.

Inside the FBI's John Lennon file

By Ben Bradlee Jr.
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On Dec. 10, 1971, John Lennon was the headliner at an Ann Arbor, Mich., rally that attracted 16,000 people on behalf of political activist John Sinclair, who had recently been sentenced to 10 years in prison for selling two marijuana cigarettes to an undercover officer.

That night Lennon sang a song he had written for Sinclair: "Won't you care, for John Sinclair? In the stir for breathing air, let him be, let him free. Let him be like you and me. They gave him 10 for two. What more can the judges do? Gotta gotta gotta ... set him free."

The next day, the Detroit office of the FBI sent a memorandum on the rally and Lennon's

The FBI documents reveal a persistent effort to 'neutralize' Lennon as a political force.

role to J. Edgar Hoover, then FBI director. On Dec. 27, this was followed by another memo to Hoover supplying the lyrics of Lennon's ode to Sinclair.

Newly released documents show that over the next nine months the government — believing Lennon was the keystone of a New Left plot

to engage in anti-Nixon activities, culminating in a political Woodstock at the 1972 Republican National Convention — monitored all the late Beatle's public appearances, kept him under surveillance and urged that he be arrested "if at all possible on possession of narcotics charges" so "he would become more likely to be immediately deportable."

That suggestion from the New York FBI office, and the Detroit memos about Lennon's activities in Ann Arbor, are a sliver of the 26 pounds of documents released under the Freedom of Information Act to Jonathan Wiener, an associate professor of history at the University of California, Irvine, for a book on Lennon. Most LENNON, Page 16

US plans Salvador training

By William Beecher
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WASHINGTON — The Reagan Administration hopes to establish a training center in Honduras where American military specialists would help to retrain a significant portion of the army of El Salvador in new antiguerrilla tactics, according to well-placed officials.

If the government of Honduras agrees, and Congress provides the funds, they hope to start the training program within about a month for up to 40 to 50 small, so-called "hunter" battalions, the officials say.

They stress they would prefer to

do this training in El Salvador, but since Congress is clearly unwilling to see the United States send more than 55 military advisers there, the next best arrangement would be to set up a new facility in Honduras to be staffed by between 50 and 100 US officers and noncommissioned officers.

The special training, they insist, is a crucial element of a new strategy of trying not only to drive guerrilla forces out of key strongholds, but also to set up local security forces to keep guerrillas from quickly returning, and to rebuild schools, hospitals, bridges and other. SALVADOR, Page 12

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Holyoke firefighter removes debris from apartment where fire claimed the lives of five occupants. One official said smoke detector probably would have prevented deaths. Page 21. AP PHOTO

An abundance of problems awaits Ruckelshaus at EPA

By Charles A. Radin
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WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan's latest choices to run the Environmental Protection Agency probably will succeed in stopping the short-term political damage that the Administration has been suffering.

But the EPA's ability to do the jobs assigned it by Congress has been severely reduced, according to agency employees, environmentalists and congressional critics, who suggest this diminished capacity to protect the environment has more long-term significance than the intense controversy of recent weeks.

The controversy appears to have begun to abate with the nomination of William D. Ruckelshaus to replace Anne M. Burford and with the resignations of most remaining members of Reagan's initial EPA team.

But Ruckelshaus cannot take over until

his nomination is confirmed by the Senate. And although confirmation is highly likely, it won't take place for at least a month. By then, policy-making and all but the most routine work of the EPA will have been at a near standstill for almost three months.

"I can't begin to tell you how bad the situation is," William Hedeman, a civil servant who runs EPA's \$1.6-billion Superfund hazardous-waste program, said in an interview.

"It's having an absolutely phenomenal impact on myself and my staff. There have been emotional explosions for the last week among people who are stretched to the limit and can't produce."

Hedeman's situation is a prime example of the severe internal problems that will face Ruckelshaus. For if he now returns the EPA to the mainstream of functions it was designed to perform, he will find it understaffed and underbudgeted.

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SPAULDING DIES



Josiah A. Spaulding, 60, president and chairman of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, died in Puerto Rico Friday after suffering a heart attack. A liberal Republican, he was twice defeated in bids for statewide elective office. Obituary, Page 79. GLOBE FILE PHOTO